



**San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission**

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MINUTES

February 10, 2011

Meeting held at:
Agriculture, Weights and Measures
5555 Overland Avenue, Suite 3101
San Diego, California 902124

| COMMISSIONERS | ATTENDANCE | DISTRICT | SUPERVISOR |
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| Jack Bransford, Chair | Present | 1 | Greg Cox |
| Mark Kukuchek | Present | 1 | Greg Cox |
| Bruce Campbell | Present | 2 | Dianne Jacob |
| Florence Sloane, Secretary | Excused | 2 | Dianne Jacob |
| Teresa Barth | Excused | 3 | Pam Slater-Price |
| Vacant | Vacant | 3 | Pam Slater-Price |
| D'erdra Smothers, PhD | Present | 4 | Ron Roberts |
| Jim Dodd | Present | 4 | Ron Roberts |
| Jim Conrad | Present | 5 | Bill Horn |
| Steve Turigliatto, Vice-Chair | Present | 5 | Bill Horn |

A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Bransford called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

B. Introductions

The Commissioners introduced themselves
Kevin Barnard, The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC)
Paul Curtis, Aquasolver/TECC
Ed Pert, California Department of Fish and Game (Cal DFG)
Suzanne Hall, Torrey Hills Community Planning Board
Bob Smith, San Diego Wildlife Federation
Ed Zieralski, San Diego Union Tribune
Dean Lucier, Critter Control
Colleen Carr, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

C. Approval of meeting minutes from January 13, 2011

Changes: None

Motion to approve the minutes was made by: Commissioner Campbell

Seconded by: Commissioner Conrad

Call for Vote: passed unanimously

- D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)

There was no public comment

- E. Chairman's Report (Bransford)

The Youth Wild Turkey Hunt went before the Board of Supervisors for a vote on allowing the hunt to take place on County land. The Youth Turkey Hunt was passed 3-2 with Supervisors Jacob, Horn and Cox voting yes and Supervisors Roberts and Slater-Price voting against. Thanks to Jim Conrad, FWAC, Bob Smith, San Diego Wildlife Federation and Bob Fusco, National Wild Turkey Federation for rallying support during the Board of Supervisors meeting. Thanks to Supervisor Jacob for spearheading the issue with the Board of Supervisors.

- F. Administrative Items--

Old Business:

1. Fisheries restoration issues (Campbell)

Commissioner Campbell brought up the issue that grant money for the San Mateo Creek restoration has been pulled. The grant was provided by Proposition 12 for \$800,000 and to date \$396,000 has been spent and not properly accounted for. Commissioner Campbell felt an audit of the expenses was in order and that there were additional activities still outstanding that could be funded by the remaining grant monies.

The issues that could be funded are:

- 1) Education or enforcement of upstream private property owners in elimination of invasive species release into San Mateo Creek.
- 2) Reduction of sedimentation release into San Mateo Creek.
- 3) Trapping or other eradication methods of invasive species in San Mateo Creek.

Ed Pert was asked if California Department of Fish & Game (Cal DFG) could or would assist in the management of the remaining grant monies to complete the fisheries restoration. Ed Pert did commit to working with the Coastal Commission concerning the request but was concerned that the grant monies were tied to time deadlines that his department could not adhere to. The good news from the Cal DFG viewpoint was that the watershed in question was federal jurisdiction and based on that California Environmental Quality Act would not be required only National Environmental Policy Act. The question at hand was how the FWAC could assist in recommencing grant funding and/or relocating funding to Cal DFG to restart the fisheries restoration in San Mateo creek.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Review of Commission Statement and Goals (Bransford)

Commissioner Campbell- As discussed in old business, No. 1, his goal is to reestablish grant funding for fisheries restoration in San Mateo creek.

Commissioner Dodd- New goal is regarding control of the feral pig population in San Diego County.

Commissioner Conrad- New goal is to increase youth hunting opportunities in San Diego County.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. County Legislative Agenda (Sloane)

No update

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Fisheries Restoration Grant Peer Review Committee (FRGPRC) Vacancy (Campbell)

At present there are no open vacancies on the FRGPRC. Two persons were appointed from the Southern California Area to the committee, one from Santa Barbara and one from San Luis Obispo.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Semi-Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (Bransford)

Motion to approve the report as previously reviewed was made by: Commissioner Conrad

Seconded by: Commissioner Smothers

Call for Vote: passed unanimously

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

6. USDA/USFS and Feral Pig Populations in San Diego County (Barth)

No report, Commissioner Barth was excused. Carry over to the next meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

New Business

1. Southern Steelhead Recovery Project (Campbell)

The Escondido Creek Conservancy gave a power point presentation concerning their ideas to reestablish steelhead populations in Escondido creek. Escondido creek is 26 miles long starting at Lake Wohlford and ending in San Elijo Lagoon. The associated watershed has some of the last native coastal Sage in the San Diego area. The Creek passes through Escondido via concrete flood control channel. The project plan consists of three steps: 1) Feasibility permitting and hatchery plan, 2) Design and approval and 3) Construction and operation. The Conservancy has earmarked a 21 acre parcel that was a former gravel pit in Harmony Grove as their proposed location to build a rescue hatchery for habitat restoration.

Motion to schedule an additional FWAC meeting for April 14, for further discussion on the Escondido and San Mateo Creek habitat restoration issues was made by:

Commissioner Campbell

Seconded by: Commissioner Conrad

Call for Vote: passed unanimously

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

G. Commissioner's Corner-

Commissioners Dodd, Turigliatto, Smothers and Conrad reported they have been reappointed to FWAC for another five years.

Commissioner Conrad stated AB 1234 Ethics training is required every two years for each commissioner. He also conducted a (feral) pig sausage tasting at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Next meeting is April 14, 2011

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. None at this time

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